

APPENDIX A
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CLAIMS ON APPEAL

1. A cushion comprising:
a cover having a selected contour; and
a core disposed within said cover, said core comprising a volume of separate particulates and an oil disposed between the particulates for enabling lubricated movement of the particulates, with respect to one another in response to an outside force applied to said cover.

2. The cushion according to claim 1 wherein said cover is stretched to the selected contour by the core.

3. The cushion according to claim 1 wherein said cover is molded to the selected contour.

4. The cushion according to claim 2 wherein said separate particulates are compressible.

5. The cushion according to claim 5 wherein said separate particulates are foam particulates.

22. A cushion comprising:
a sheet stretched to having a selected contour;
a backing; and
a core disposed between said stretchable sheet and said backing and comprising a mixture of compressible particulates and a liquid.

23. The cushion according to claim 22 wherein the particulates comprise open cell foam particles.

24. The cushion according to claim 23 wherein said liquid is partially disposed within said open cell foam particles.

25. The cushion according to claim 20 wherein said core further comprises polymer particular.

26. The cushion according to claim 25 further comprising an elastomer disposed between said core and said sheet.

27. The cushion according to claim 26 wherein said elastomer has a sufficient thickness to prevent sensing of the particulates in the core through said sheet.

28. The cushion according to claim 27 wherein said liquid comprises an oil.

29. A cushion comprising:
 a core comprising compressible particulates and a liquid;
 a sheet disposed around said core for preventing leakage of liquid, said sheet being stretched to a selected contour of said core.

30. The cushion according to claim 29 wherein said particulates comprise open cell foam particles.

31. The cushion according to claim 30 wherein said liquid is partially disposed within said open cell foam particles.

32. The cushion according to claim 31 wherein said core further comprises polymer particles.

33. The cushion according to claim 29 further comprises an elastomer disposed between said core and said sheet.

34. The cushion according to claim 33 wherein said elastomer has sufficient thickness to prevent sensing through said sheet of the particulates in said core.

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